

Target Audience:

- Fire Investigators, Law Enforcement professionals, Lawyers (prosecution AND defense), and professionals who may become involved in fire death investigations.

Course Description:

- Tied to the use of the *Scientific Method*, this dynamic course has been developed over the last three years by the CCFAIA, in cooperation with the UNT Forensic Anthropology Lab, and Sam Houston State University. Hugely successful throughout Texas and beyond, we have delivered this training to well over 150 students in the first three years!
- Unique course offering hands-on investigation techniques utilizing live-burn training aids used in as many as ten scenarios. Participants will gain considerable knowledge of how to approach a multiple-death fire scene.
- Five days of dynamic instruction including classroom lessons, plus live field burning demonstrations and team-based investigations to build expert testimony skills related to fire deaths.
- Fire investigators primarily train on post-fire investigative techniques. This is contrary to other forms of forensic science investigative training that suggest the use of observation, experimentation, and conclusion. This is critical to formulating a theory/hypothesis that is tied to the scientific method. Our goal is to incrementally change this type of training, with more realistic investigative training programs.

Collin County Fire & Arson
Investigation Association
500 State Highway 5
Fairview, Texas 75069



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4th Annual

Forensic Fire Death Investigations



This course will be delivered in conjunction with Eastern Kentucky University, Sam Houston State University, & the Texas State Fire Marshal's Office

When: September 26th – 30th, 2016

Where: Class Room: Sam Houston State University
George J. Beto Criminal Justice Center
816 17th Street, Huntsville, Texas 77340

Live burn site: Location TBA



Course Costs: Pre-registration is \$300.00.
After June 1, 2016, registration is \$400.00.

Payable by cash or check during registration the day of the class. Register in advance by email to: Steve.Seddig@WylieTexas.gov or JBell@FairviewTexas.org. You may fax your registration to (214) 234-9497.

Please provide: Name, Organization, and cell phone contact information. You will receive a confirmation and be placed on the roster.

Certificates will be issued.

**Texas Commission on Fire Protection &
Texas Commission on Law Enforcement CE**
is authorized. See your training officer.

Course Schedule:

Registration begins at 8:00AM. Training begins promptly at 8:30am through 5:00pm

Day 1: (8 hours of instruction)

Introductions (Seddig/Connealy)
Fire Science / Chemistry (Pharr)
Fire Death Investigations (TBA)

Day 2: (8 hours of instruction)

Medical Examiner Class (TBA)
Live Burn (Students/Staff)
Forensic Anthropology (Dr. Bytheway)
Team Pre-Burn Scenario (Students/Staff)

Day 3: (8 hours of instruction)

Fire Dynamics/Reconstruction (Pharr)
921 Topics (Pharr)
Field Fire Examinations (TBA)

Day 4: (8 hours of instruction)

Field Fire Examinations (Students/Staff)
Complete Field Exam (Students/Staff)
Presentation Preparation (Students/Staff)

Day 5: (8 hours of instruction)

Complete Presentations (Students/Staff)
Present Cases (Students/Staff)
Test / Certificates (Students/Staff)



REGISTRATION FORM

Name: _____

Department / Employer: _____

Mailing Address: _____
Mailing address City State ZIP

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Registration Fee (\$300.00): _____

Late registration (\$400.00): _____

TOTAL DUE: _____



Mail registrations with check payable to Collin County Fire & Arson Investigation Association to:

Jeff Bell
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and pay at the registration table on the day of the event.